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Via Facsimile and Regular Mail

The Honorable James L. Foreman  
Judge, United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Illinois  
750 East Missouri Avenue  
East St. Louis, Illinois 62202

Re: United States v. NL Industries, Inc., et al.  
Civ. Action No: 91-578-JLF  
DOJ No: 90-11-3-608A

Dear Judge Foreman:

As the United States has previously indicated, it would keep this Court and the parties informed as to U.S. EPA's residential remedial activities at the NL Superfund Site. This letter, therefore, is to inform the Court and the parties that U.S. EPA plans to implement, with the consent of the affected property owners, residential soil remedial activities at various properties in Granite City, Illinois, no sooner than November 11, 1993. Specifically, the residential properties located on the 1400 block of Grand and State in Granite City and the Lincoln Place Community Center. Information about these activities will be placed in the public repository for the Site, which is the Granite City Public Library.

U.S. EPA is planning to proceed with these activities at the present time due, in part, to conditions at these properties. At least one sample taken from each of the affected residential properties has shown that lead contamination in the soil of the residential properties exceeds 1,500 ppm of lead. The Granite City Park Board, through the Director of Parks and Recreation, has requested that U.S. EPA place a priority on remediating contaminated soil at the Lincoln Place Community Center. Furthermore, U.S. EPA has found that at least one of the children that resides at one of the affected residential properties suffers from lead poisoning. This property owner also has requested that U.S. EPA place a priority on remediating their soil. Additionally, U.S. EPA's planned activities are being undertaken at the present time to allow U.S. EPA time to solidify

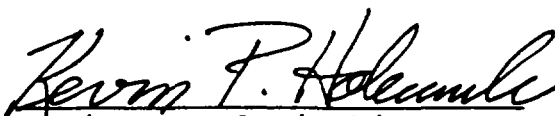


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wastes on-site and thereby allow U.S. EPA to reduce certain disposal costs associated with the cleanup.

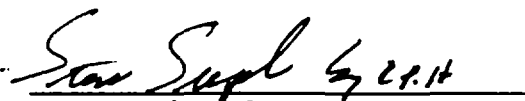
Consistent with the approach taken in the Explanation of Significant Differences ("ESD") approved by U.S. EPA on May 7, 1993, the soils taken from the foregoing properties will be shipped to an off-site landfill. U.S. EPA will be publishing a another ESD explaining the basis for these actions.

Sincerely,

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